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### HOW THEY BECAME COLONELS.

Many Men in South With Military Titles.

The Chicago Post is authority for the following statement:

For many years—indeed, since the close of the civil war—it has been a standing joke among the paragraphs and in variety theatres that the Confederate army was composed almost wholly of staff officers, and that the number of colonels distributed throughout the South and in the States of the southwest, was materially greater than the number of male adult civilians. It is certainly a fact, as all travelers attest, that there are more colonels, majors and generals in the Southern than in the Northern States, and this is a fact, despite what is a matter of general knowledge, too, that the Southern army was materially smaller throughout the war than the Northern forces.

An explanation of the apparent anomaly has recently appeared in a statement which shows in detail that the number of Southern officers was relatively larger than the number of Northern officers during the civil war. The official Confederate army list shows one general in chief, Robert E. Lee, and seven full generals, as follows: Cooper, Albert Sydney Johnston, Beauregard, Joseph E. Johnston, Smith, Bragg and Hood. The number of lieutenant-generals in the Confederate Army, Stonewall Jackson, Hill, Early, Buckner, Wade Hampton and Gordon among them, was 19, and there were besides 81 major-generals, and more than 200 brigadier-generals. This was very much larger than the army roll in respect of staff officers on the Union side at a corresponding period. Before the establishment of the office of lieutenant-general there were four major-generals and 11 brigadier-generals in the regular army, and 20 major-generals and 150 brigadier-generals in the volunteer service. There was, correspondingly, a larger number of colonels and majors in the Southern than in the Northern Army, and the reason for this was to be found in the fact that the commands of Southerners were generally smaller and more widely separated. The Northern forces constituted the attacking army; the Southern forces, after the battle of Gettysburg, were on the defensive, and much of the conflict which continued during the closing years of the strife was, so far as the Southern men were engaged in it, of a desultory guerrilla character. The services of sharpshooters, of small attacking columns, of commands organized for foraging purposes, or to cover a retreat, were in detail, and the commander of each detail took, by courtesy and under military usage, a title as high in its way as a Northern commander would receive if in charge of a force perhaps eight or 10 times larger. It is a well-known fact that military men having titles are as slow to surrender them and to forego their use as office-holders are to retire from the honors and emoluments of public station. The rule, "once a colonel, always a colonel," still prevails in the South, and it applies in like manner to generals, majors and captains as well. A man who may have acted for a few hours, perhaps, at the head of a detachment as its colonel, though actually a corporal, has, since the close of the war, continued to be known as colonel.

### SIMILAR TO ARMY SALARIES.

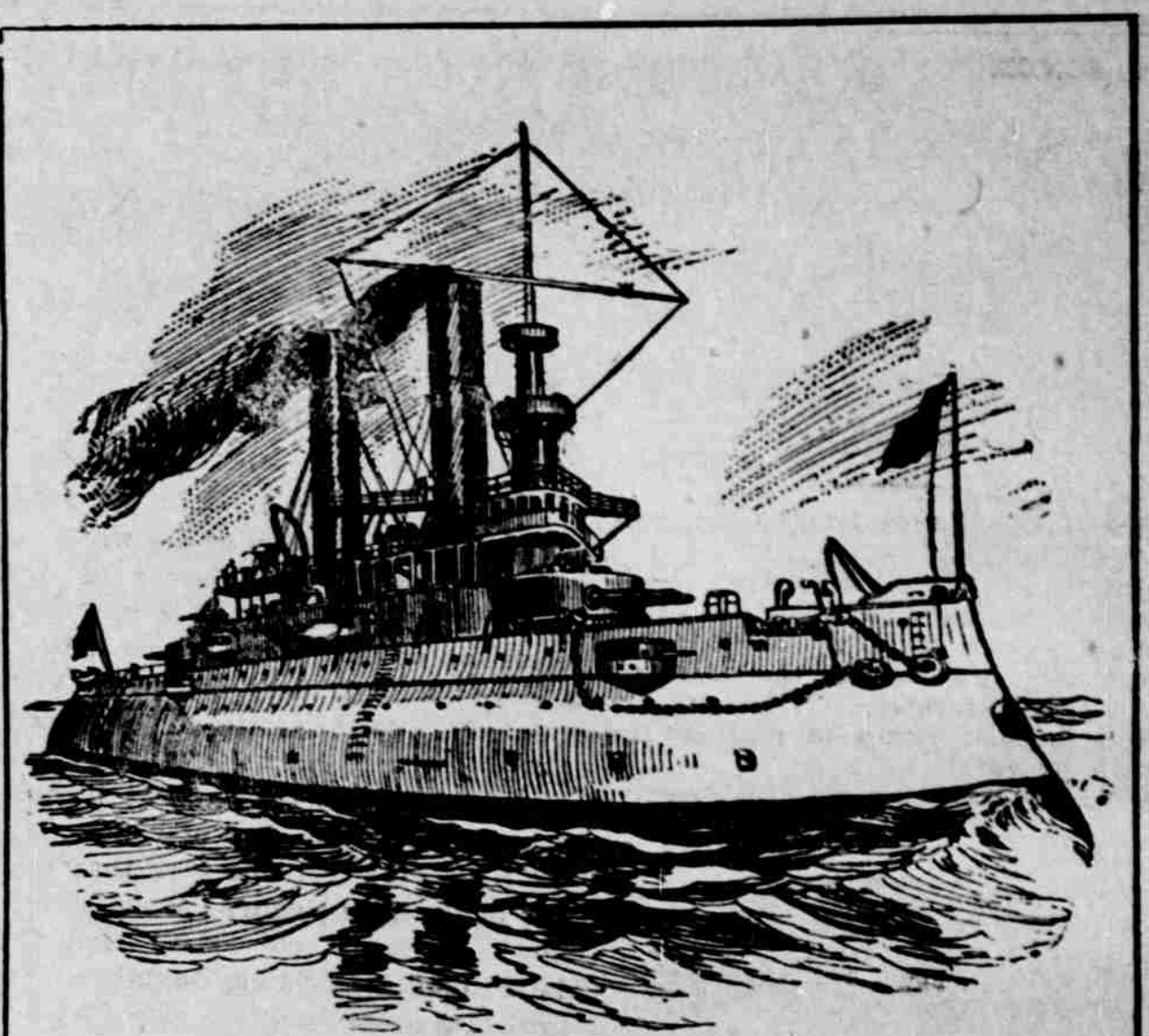
One of the most troublesome questions before the board considering the reorganization of the personnel of the navy relates to the matter of pay allowances under the proposed amalgamation of the engineer corps with the line of the navy. The matter was referred to a subcommittee consisting of Commander J. N. Hemphill, Lieutenant A. S. Key and Passed Assistant Engineer W. M. McFarland. This committee reported in favor of the adoption of army pay for the reorganized line and the recommendation has been practically adopted by the board. Under the proposed plan of pay, officers of the grade of rear admiral, who now get \$6,000 while at sea, will be given \$7,500, the pay of a major general, with whom they rank; commodores will get the pay of brigadier generals, \$5,500; captains the pay of colonels, \$3,500; commanders, that of lieutenant colonels, \$3,000; lieutenant commanders, that of majors, \$2,500; lieutenants, that of captains, \$2,000; lieutenants junior grade, that of first lieutenants, \$1,600; and ensigns, that of second lieutenants, \$1,500.—Washington Star.

### JAPAN'S TRADE.

In spite of the fact that the market in Japan remains dull the Mail says that investigations completed at the Finance Department and published in the Hochi show that the foreign trade of Japan has steadily increased this year, the figures for the past 10 months exceeding 309,171,506 yen. Last year the exports for the same period aggregated 99,862,732 yen in value, but this year the amount increased to 131,132,200 yen; while imports for this year amounted to 168,039,306 yen, against 143,473,519 yen for the previous year, making a total for the two items of 234,326,311 yen and 309,171,506 yen respectively. Thus there was an increase of 74,845,195 yen, of which 40,279,468 yen were covered by exports and 34,395,120 yen by imports.

### A LARGE FLEET.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's fleet now consists of 63 steamers with an aggregate tonnage of about 130,000. This will be increased by about 100,000 tons by the 13 steamers ordered from England and the two from the Mitsu Bishi Yard at Nagasaki, each vessel being over 6,000 tons. Of the vessels ordered from England, seven—the Kanagawa,



THE BATTLESHIP ALABAMA.

A formidable addition to the navy will soon be made when the twin screw steel battleship, Alabama, is completed. She is 372 feet long by 70 feet beam, and will draw 23 feet of water. Her displacement will be 11,500 tons. Her three sister ships—the Kearsage, Kentucky and Illinois—are also well under way at Newport News.

Wakasa, Kawachi, Kamakura, Sanuki, Inaba and Kakata—have already reached Japan, and the remaining vessels are expected to arrive before the end of next year. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has arranged to dispatch two steamers a month to Europe from January next.

Percy—I wonder why we say that love is blind?

Gerald—Because we so often see a pretty girl fall in love with some other man.—Brooklyn Life.

Borax (reflectively)—I wish I knew how to tell a woman's age.

Sam Jones—The best way is to tell it in a soft and gentle whisper.—Truth.

"You are a nice little boy," said the kindly old gentleman at the hotel.

"Thank you," said Tommy.

"Have you any little brothers?"

"Yes," said Tommy, "I've got brothers to burn; but I'm rather short on papas. We've only got one."—Harper's Bazar.

Hoax—I wish I had enough money to go to Klondike.

Jcax—Don't be foolish.

Hoax—I'm not. If I had that much money I could live more comfortably here.—Philadelphia Record.

"That contentious parson that we sent out as a missionary is still up to his old tricks."

"What's he doing now?"

"The last I heard of him he was in some sort of a stew out there in the Fiji Islands."—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Brownell—It isn't the bicycle which costs the money. It is the bicycle attachments.

Harkness (admonishingly)—True; but then you should not form one for every pretty bicycle girl you meet.—Puck.

The Exhorter—My dear young friend, have you ever broken the divine laws?

The Stranger—Here's my card, sir, I'm a general broker.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Magistrate—What is the charge?

Plaintiff—She ran me down with her wheel, broke my arm, cut my head, sprained my ankle and bruised—

Defendant—Yes, and you broke six of my spokes, bent my sprocket wheel, broke my gear chain and punctured my tire.—Puck.

Hobson—Why does Sniggers always say, "I enjoyed myself immensely?"

Wigwa—It's the literal truth. He always laughs at his own jokes.—Philadelphia Record.

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